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Step 2 - Wildlife Photography


Recommended Specification

Wildlife shots are mostly taken from a static position and require a long lens with a tripod for stability as light levels can get very low.

The best image quality is delivered by digital SLR cameras as they feature large image sensors that capture a large amount of image data. Their exposure settings are also very accurate as they measure the light through the lens itself before the picture is captured.

Finally, digital SLR cameras do allow the user to use different telephoto lenses which give greater control over actual picture composition.

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Megapixels	8 Megapixels or more
Memory	Ideally 1GB (up to 400 photos @ 8 MP)
Zoom Range	Minimum 10 x zoom lens plus macro mode
Exposure Modes	The more manual control the better
Shutter Speeds	8 seconds to 1/2000 of a second
Sensitivity Range	Auto and manual control (100 to 1600 ISO)
Image Stabiliser	Yes, plus a tripod mount is also essential
Flash Modes	Auto, flash on, flash off, red eye reduction
Batteries	Lithium-ion rechargeables
Weight	Up to 1000g

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